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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of :
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Karl M. Bizjak :
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Serial No.: 09/726,982 : Group Art Unit: Unknown
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Filed: November 29, 2000 : Examiner: Unknown
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For: INPUT LEVEL ADJUST SYSTEM AND METHOD

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Box Non-Fee Amendment
Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Pursuant to the Notice to File Corrected Application Papers mailed February 6, 2001 and prior to examination of the above-referenced application, please amend the application as follows; this amendment does not introduce any new matter to the application as filed.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

1. Please replace the paragraph at page 18, paragraph 2, with the following rewritten paragraph:

-- Figures 1A-1E show prior art signal processing systems. --

2. Please amend the specification by adding the following abstract as page 150:

-- ABSTRACT:

A method of matching input amplitudes in a system wherein one or more of a plurality of inputs may be selected, with each input capable of having different characteristics, involving selecting an input signal and mapping the input signal to a predetermined signal amplitude through the use of level matching logic. The level matching logic may include a gain cell for increasing or decreasing the amplitude of the input signal. --

REMARKS

Applicant herewith submits the proposed Preliminary Amendment in order to correct a typographical error in the initial application pertaining to the number of the figures, as filed November 29, 2000. Further, Applicant herewith amends the application by adding an abstract which was omitted from the initial filing.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the specification by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned "Version with Markings to Show Changes Made."

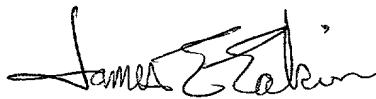
Applicant respectfully requests that this application proceed to examination.

The Assistant Commissioner is hereby authorized and directed to charge the subject Petition Fee of \$130.00, any other applicable fees and/or credit any overpayment to deposit account no. 50-0385.

Respectfully submitted,

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

In the Specification

On page 18, paragraph 2, has been amended as follows:

Figures 1A-[1F] 1E show prior art signal processing systems.

In the Abstract

Page 159, the abstract has been added as follows:

ABSTRACT

noise extraction method in which an environmental input which includes a noise indicia is selectively modified in accordance with an algorithm that includes one or more factors representing time response, amplitude of response, and error correction. The algorithm may also include thresholding, delay or convergence, among other techniques.